

Carpenter's motion. I think it is within order and I'd like to support also Senator Simpson's suggested amendment. I think that's a modest amendment, if anything, I'd support something higher. I think these figures are realistic and I think we--in government you get what you pay for and this is big business. This is not a little corporation we're running and I think it's a very realistic proposal that he's making.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh. We're discussing the Simpson amendment to the Carpenter amendment to LB 257.

SENATOR MARSH: \$15,000 and I'm not speaking about my husband; \$15,000 would be no increase at all if you're going from a part time salary to a full time salary and the salary now for the Lieutenant Governor is \$7500 and you go to a full time salary at \$15,000, this should be at least in the \$25,000 bracket.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I would, I'd first of all like to know what all the salaries are we're dealing with here--what they are,--now, as Carpenter amended them.

PRESIDENT: It's the Chair's understanding--just, stand by just a second here. We're in need of some help here from the Clerk. Mr. Brown, could we bother you just a minute here? I'm sorry that I don't have the amendments in front of me and I'm not sure that they have been read to the group so that they know. Senator Cavanaugh is inquiring about the list of salaries and what we are considering here in the Carpenter amendment--what actually is the amendment.

CLERK: Okay. The Carpenter amendment would amend LB 257 as follows (read)

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Then I would have a couple of questions of Senator Carpenter.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, will you yield to a couple of questions?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: First of all, Senator Carpenter, I'm not terribly familiar with this kind of bill. Could you explain to me the nature of the other provisions in here, for example, the judiciary where they have a lump sum amount there of \$218,000 and so on down the--they do that in administrative department, public service commission, they have lump sums there. What does that mean? What's the effect of that?

SENATOR CARPENTER: What's the line you're talking about in 257?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, for example, line 15 change to the judiciary, page 2 and they just give a lump sum figure there for the judiciary of \$218,000.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I would presume that's-- that's an amount of money necessary to pay these five public service commissioners at their present salaries.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Why do we do this by statute like this? That's what I don't understand. Do you know?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'm advised that the law says we must make a separate appropriation for the constitutional officers.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Okay but, now, now, do I understand, like, for example, the judiciary, the public service commission, the administrative department, those sections of that bill, we're